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U.S. District Court, Suite 7110
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**Re: Stickle, et al. v. Orfanos
Case No. 04 11539 JLT**

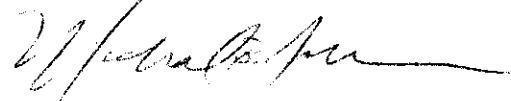
Dear Clerk Lovett:

I am in receipt of a letter dated August 3, 2004 sent to you by attorney Mark E. Pelosky, who is representing the defendant, Orfanos, in the above matter. I believe it is necessary to provide some clarification.

On behalf of the plaintiffs, I have been engaging in discussions with attorney Pelosky to see if we can resolve this dispute. As the deadline for the defendant to file his answer and opposition to our Motion for Preliminary Injunction has passed, I have agreed to provide the defendant with at least two days' additional notice before requiring him to file responsive pleadings. At no time, however, did I agree to extend this period of time for two weeks, or until August 17, 2004.

Your attention to this information is appreciated. Should you have any questions or concerns, or if you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



Michael B. Newman

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cc: Mark E. Pelosky, Esq.